

+GOOD NEWS+ For the Community.



The never-failing sign---the Ground Hog has staid out, and will not return to his winter quarters until the cold nights of November force him; and only wide-awake men such as

J. R. RACE & CO.,

with the prospects of an early spring, have made the most elegant preparations, and have received the most elegant line of SPRING OVERCOATS, Stylish HATS and Elegant PIECE GOODS.

It will pay you to inspect their line of NOVELTIES.

ARTISTIC TAILOR.*

The long-felt want of an ARTIST TAILOR has at last been found. We have engaged MR. T. C. LUNDIN, of New York, as Cutter in our MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT and we invite all, regardless of shape and size, to call and see him and we will demonstrate to you all we claim for him; and with such an elegant and varied display of material adapted for the Spring Trade we are confident we can suit you in style, fit and price, and hope to secure many new and retain all our old friends and customers.

Yours, Truly,

J. R. RACE & CO.

CENTRAL PARK MEAT MARKET.

YOUNG + BROS.,

Keep at all times THE BEST OF MEATS, both fresh and cured. Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal, Lamb, Ham, Sausage and EVERY SEASONABLE NOVELTY. Come and try us, and we will guarantee satisfaction.

Railroad Time Tables

In effect March 4, 1888.

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FOR PAIN SAVED HIS LEG! SCROFULA OF THE BONE CURED!

LITTON, GA., AUGUST 11, 1887. The Switzer Bros. have been afflicted with Scrofula of the bone for many years. The disease was first noticed in the leg of one of the children, and it gradually spread to the other children. The disease was so bad that the children were unable to walk. The Switzer Bros. were advised to try the Switzer Bros. Ointment, and they did so. The ointment was applied to the affected parts, and the children were able to walk again. The Switzer Bros. Ointment is a cure for Scrofula of the bone.

GEORGE M. WOOD Sells Fire-Proof Safes, Iron and Wood Pumps, Garden Seeds, Grapevines, &c. 135 SOUTH WATER STREET. March 1-d&wsm

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Pierce's The Original Pleasant LITTLE LIVER PILLS. BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. ALWAYS ASK FOR PIERCE'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. Being entirely vegetable, they operate without disturbance to the system, diet, or occupation. Put up in glass bottles, carefully sealed. Always fresh and reliable. A laxative, alternative, or purgative, these little pills give the most perfect satisfaction.

SICK HEADACHE. Bilious Headache, Dizziness, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks, and all disorders of the stomach, bowels, and liver, are promptly cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Little Liver Pills. In operation of the medicinal power of the Pills over so great a variety of diseases, it is not surprising that their action upon the system is universal, not a gland or tissue escapes their salutary influence. Manufactured at Dr. J. C. Pierce's Chemical Laboratory of Woburn, Massachusetts. NEURAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y.

\$500 REWARD. Is offered by the manufacturer of Dr. J. C. Pierce's Catarrh Remedy, for a case of Catarrh of the Bladder, or any other case of Catarrh, which they cannot cure.

SYMPTOMS OF CATARRH. Pain, discharge, itching, burning, and all other symptoms of Catarrh of the Bladder, or any other case of Catarrh, are promptly cured by the use of Dr. J. C. Pierce's Catarrh Remedy. The cure has been permanent.

"Untold Agony from Catarrh." Prof. W. H. HARRIS, the famous mesmerist, writes: "I suffered untold agony from chronic catarrh of the bladder for many years. My family physician gave me up as a lost case, and I was told that I would never be cured. I was advised to try Dr. J. C. Pierce's Catarrh Remedy, and I did so. The remedy was a cure for my catarrh, and I am now well and happy."

"Constantly Haunted and Splitting." THOMAS J. RUSHING, Esq., 507 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I was a great sufferer from Catarrh of the Bladder, and I was constantly haunted and splitting. I was advised to try Dr. J. C. Pierce's Catarrh Remedy, and I did so. The remedy was a cure for my catarrh, and I am now well and happy."

"Three Bottles Cure Catarrh." ELI ROBERTS, Esq., 100 Columbia St., St. Louis, Mo., writes: "I was a great sufferer from Catarrh of the Bladder, and I was constantly haunted and splitting. I was advised to try Dr. J. C. Pierce's Catarrh Remedy, and I did so. The remedy was a cure for my catarrh, and I am now well and happy."

"GOLD." GOLD is a rare metal, and it is found in many places. It is a precious metal, and it is used for many purposes. It is a metal that is found in many places, and it is a metal that is used for many purposes.

RICH KLEPTOMANIACS.

Persons Who, If They Were Nobodies, Would Be Sent to Jail.

Every once in a while we hear of kleptomaniacs, and pity them or deride them according to their circumstances. If the victim is poor we deride the idea of kleptomania and charge the weakness to common thievery, but if the victim is rich we are more charitable and ready to concede that there may be something more in kleptomania than a polite excuse for inordinate covetousness. A story is told of the late John D. Dryden, father of the brilliant and genial Nat C. Dryden, of Troy, known to all Missourians, that goes far to illustrate the character of the kleptomaniac. Judge Dryden and two of his friends were talking one day and relating incidents growing out of strong human impulses. One of the men said that the great struggle of his life was to keep sober, that he loved whiskey better than any thing else in the world, and that it required all the strength of will he had to resist it. The second man said that his weakness was a love of speech-making; that he would rather make a speech than do any thing else in the world, and that he never saw a crowd together that the impulse to elevate his voice and make a speech did not attack him. Judge Dryden said that the struggle of his life was to be honest; that he never saw any thing that he took a fancy to that the impulse to take it did not come upon him strong. He said that if he did not bring an iron will to resist his inclinations he would be one of the greatest rogues in Missouri. This, coming from a man who was a model of integrity and fairness during a long active life, is a powerful illustration. Some things go to show how much will power has to do in directing the lives of people, and how easy it is for people not able to concentrate their will to fall victims to their passions. The present Earl of Derby, an ex-British Cabinet officer, and one of the richest men in England, is a confirmed kleptomaniac. The Earl's particular weakness is for old silver, and the greater its antiquity and beauty the more certain it is to find its way into his pocket. There is a story to the effect that once when he was kneeling at the communion table, only the ready hand of the rector saved the quaint old wine cup from sliding up the Earl's sleeve. It is the duty of his valet to examine his master's clothes every morning when he has dined out the night before. Whatever is found is taken to the Countess, a beautiful and good woman, who returns it to the owner with a pretty note of apology. The Earl is quite aware of his unfortunate weakness, and is said to have struggled against it in vain. A fear of detection and exposure makes heavy his light fingers, and it is said he will not trust himself to go alone to a public sale where silver is displayed. How many people with the noble Earl's weakness are to be found in every-day life? Suppose the head of the powerful Stanley family were poor and untitled, would the pleading of kleptomania keep him out of the penitentiary?—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

JAPAN'S INTERIOR.

A Poetic Description of a Rather Unromantic Oriental Landscape.

There are no homes nestled down in copse of woods or mansions surrounded by lordly parks. The music of no distant church-bell reaches and falls on the ear, nor does the croak of the mountain herdsman, the chants die away, come in wavy deliciousness from any distant lofty pasturage. But in place of these one looks upon mountains cutting the sky with lofty cones, green to the very summit, and clothed with a wealth of forests far up the sloping sides—ranges of hills from one to five thousand feet high, not stretching in fatiguing sameness, but notched, broken, bent in sharp, graceful curves, then lifting into sharp points, never the same in any direction; and never hurting the eye by rocky coldness or sandy or brown barrenness. But few peaks exist in the land so lofty as to reach beyond the line of vegetation. When the tree line is passed there comes a grassy verdure so luxuriant that the tallest heights seem clothed in emerald velvet. One looks far up narrow valleys, which elsewhere would be wild gorges, and sees them terraced with various crops in all stages of maturity from those but lately planted and freshly green to others golden and ready for the sickle. Every mountain slope, every mountain gorge, is thus terraced as far up as streams offer opportunity for the irrigation. —Carver Harrison, in Chicago Mail.

The End of the Earth.

Little Dick—Mamma, where is the end of the earth? Oh, Mamma—Why, Dick, the earth is just like your ball, and it goes turning round and round in the air. Do you understand? "Yes, mamma." "Well, let's see if you do. Now where is the end of the earth?" "Where the cover's sewed on." —Omaha World.

A farmer near Galena saw a large owl sitting on a tree. He got a gun and blazed away, but didn't disturb the owl. His sons and his neighbors tried their skill at shooting with no better result. After all the ammunition on hand had been expended a boy climbed the tree and found that the owl was dead and frozen fast to the limb.

—The Louisville Courier-Journal says that Kentucky has the most discordant capital in this country.

Is Consumption Incurable? Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an Incurable Consumptive. Begun taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

Jose Middlebar, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Trouble. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health. Try it. Sample bottle, free at John A. Swearingen's Drug Store."

Brain Shock (Chloroform) cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

Glance at The Facts.

As we represent them for your careful consideration. Every purchaser in the exercise of his right to buy the best goods for the least money, has realized the fact that B. Stine takes Front Rank in producing garments expressly noted for their quality and best workmanship. As the foremost clothing firm in Decatur, with an eye single to the wants of the people, and standing upon the broad platform of progress and liberality, pointing to a phenomenal success, founded upon large experience, immense facilities and lowest prices.

Just received, in charming shades, a new line of

SPRING OVERCOATS,

manufactured expressly to our order, tailor made, elegantly trimmed, and perfection in fit and finish.

Our prices are warranted.

+B. STINE,+

The Boss Clothier.

BLACK SILKS

BLACK DRESS GOODS,

AT BRADLEY BROS.'

NEW YORK STORE.

36-inch Black Tricots at 35 cents a yard.
36-inch black all-wool French Serges at 45c.
36-inch all-wool black Camel Cloth at 50c.
40-inch black Camel Cloth at 55c per yard.
38-inch black all-wool Paris Cord Suiting at 65c.
Black Sebastopol, 38 inches wide, at 75c.
40-inch all-wool black Henriettes at 75c.
48-inch black Henriettes, very fine, at 90c.
Black Ottoman, black Regettes, black Bengalines, black Kiva Cord, black Velours and black English Corduroys, from 40 to 48 inches wide, all put in at 90c a yard.
Black Surah Silks, 20 inches wide, at 60c.
Black Gros Grain Silks, 19 inches wide, at 75c.
Heavy Black Gros Grain Silks, 19 inches wide, at 90c.
Black Rhadennese Silks, 20 inches wide, at 90c.
Black-Ratin Duchesse Silks, 20 inches wide, at 90c.
Heavy Black American Gros Grain Silks, 20 inches wide, at \$1.00 a yard.
25-inch black black Surah Silk at \$1.00 a yard.
Extra heavy black Gros Grain American Silk at \$1.10 a yard.
Black Faile Francois Silk at \$1.25 a yard.
Fine black satin finish American Gros Grain Silk at \$1.10 a yard.
Black Rhadennese, Black Armure and Satin Royal Silks, at \$1.40 and \$1.50 a yard.

Special Offerings this Week of the Genuine Jouvyn Kid Gloves in Spring Shades.

BRADLEY BROS.

HEARKEN UNTO MY WORDS

And Be Impressed by My

COMMANDMENTS.

- I. Thou shalt have no other place to buy Clothing, Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods, except CHEAP CHARLEY'S.
- II. Thou shalt not choose unto thyself any other Merchant; thou shalt not bow down to them nor listen to their speeches, for Cheap Charley's Clothing House is a reliable place to trade, capable to serve his customers to the third and fourth generations.
- III. Thou need not seek in vain for stylish Clothing, Furnishing Goods, etc., at the Very Lowest Prices, for they can be found in large quantities at Cheap Charley's.
- IV. Thou shalt bear in mind that if any day in the week you buy a suit of clothes at Cheap Charley's you can rest easy on the seventh.
- V. Thou shalt honor Cheap Charley's One Price Clothing House. May you for many years be dressed in suits thereof.
- VI. Thou shalt not commit an outrage on propriety by purchasing thy Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, etc., elsewhere, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, where thou wilt get what thou wantest at Low Prices.
- VII. Thou shalt not seek additionally strange styles, but go direct to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.
- VIII. Thou shalt not steal an Overcoat, for Cheap Charley sells them so cheap it would be a sin.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness, but openly acknowledge that thou canst be better suited at Cheap Charley's for less money than any other Clothing House in the city.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, nor his bargain, but take counsel of this and proceed straightway to Cheap Charley's, Corner of Old Square.

CHEAP CHARLEY'S

Corner of the Old Square.

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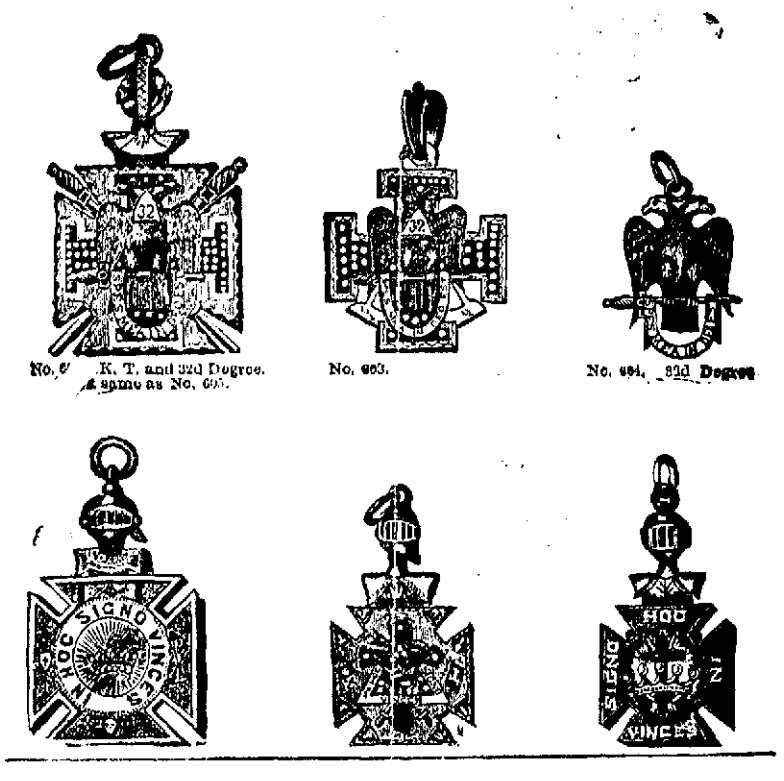
Has removed from the Old Square to his new quarters, in Masonic Temple Block, 250 S. Water Street, over the building pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of efficiency. On night-day will receive promptly at station. In connection a receiving vault.

Telephone 128; Office, 128.

ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY.

Public notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that the Citizens Street Railway Company, of Decatur, Illinois, on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1888, at the regular place of meeting of the Board of Directors of the County of Macon, in the State of Illinois, in the Court House in the City of Decatur, in said County and State, will present for action a petition for the right of way for the extension of the said Street Railway Company, from the intersection of North Water Street and Herkimer Street, at which point the northern boundary line of the County of Macon, in the State of Illinois, in the Court House in the City of Decatur, in said County and State, will present for action a petition for the right of way for the extension of the said Street Railway Company, from the intersection of North Water Street and Herkimer Street, at which point the northern boundary line of the County of Macon, in the State of Illinois, in the Court House in the City of Decatur, in said County and State, will present for action a petition for the right of way for the extension of the said Street Railway Company, from the intersection of North 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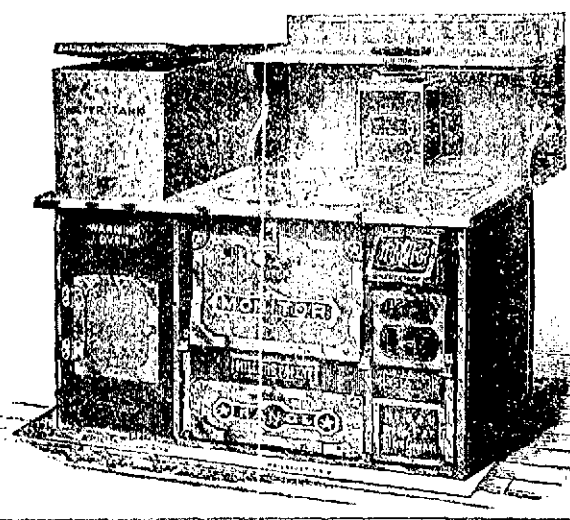
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LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to E. D. Bartholomew & Co.'s. "GERIOLUM." 22 degrees above zero this morning. The ladies of the First M. E. church will give an Easter entertainment March 29th. Order the celebrated Hatfield & Co. White Flour. JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY at the opera house to-morrow night. Buy good groceries, Vienna bread, fresh eggs and butter at J. Lytle & Co.'s store in opera block. The census enumerators are abroad in Decatur township making a careful count of the inhabitants. You can get White Loaf and Daily Bread flour at any grocery store in the city. DANIEL DUFFMAN is one of the alternates to represent the Second Ward Republican club at the state convention to-morrow. He will attend the state meeting. Stop at Knobe & Osborne's store on Water street and select excellent groceries and fruits. Dr. W. A. ALLEN, cousin of Mrs. A. E. Mills, this city, who is located at Oakley, Ill., for the practice of his profession. He comes from Palmyra, Ill., and is a Republican whom we gladly welcome to Macon county. The Republican commends him to the people at Oakley. Don't forget C. B. Prescott, in opera block. He will give you bargains in Haines Bros' pianos and Packard organs. You can get pure Bismarck creamery butter at Moore Bros' grocery store in opera block. Six members of the Decatur Guards, who qualified as marksmen at the encampment of 1888, have just received their badges from regimental headquarters. The winners of the prizes are Dr. Eisenger, Frank Cassell, Roy Gipsen, Mark Underwood, Lou Eymann and Robert Elkin. TELEPHONE to George Ruebsamen's family store for reliable groceries and fresh meats. Be sure and hear Rev. Robert McIntyre at First M. E. church Monday night, March 12. "The Man with the Masket; or, Soldiering in Dixie." 5-33. LAST night Decatur Lodge No. 65, I. O. O. F. elected officers as follows: S. D. McLaughlin, N. G.; F. P. Roddy, V. G.; L. Fribourg, Sec'y; E. Leib, Permanent Secretary; M. Eichinger, Treas.; John Irwin, S. S. Ewing, Geo. Hunsley, Andrew Seiler, John Brockway, trustees. W. H. Sissons has storage room at his place on North Main street, and will sell you coal and wood. Last evening Constable Weitzel arrested James Abbott on a capias charging with stealing a shock of corn from Mr. Ralston's farm in the country. Abbott is having his trial before Judge Nelson in the county court to-day. The value of the corn is one dollar. Tax collector California fruits, fresh butter and good potatoes at Hanks & Patterson's family grocery store, 143 South Water street. This law constitutes the supervisor, assessor and town clerk of every town a board of health, whose duty it is to look after the health of the town pertaining to the health of the inhabitants. The town clerk is clerk of the board, and is required to keep a full record of all its doings, and report the same at the annual town meeting. "Boy oh! what damned minutes tell me" who suffers, but waits; who writes, yet moons, before he makes up his mind to send out for just twenty-five cents worth of Salvation Oil, the main cure. Turn say the average politician is getting hoarse talking about tariff and no tariff; but he cures his cold every night with Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and begins afresh next morning with the lark. The best heating stoves are the Round Oaks at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store. SELECT family groceries and California fruits at Niedermeyer's store on the Mound. FOR SALE—A house of three rooms, on North College street. 6-46 G. W. EHRHART. REV. T. DEWITT TALMAGE will lecture in Decatur, March 14. Mar2-dtdw. THOMAS LEE, Attorney at Law, has moved his office to No. 127 South Water street, opposite the court house. 1-d. For all kinds of bread, pies, cakes and rolls, go to the bakery of August & Dowling, 533 North Morgan street. None better in the city. jan30-dtd. "GERIOLUM." A SOCIABLE will be given at the Macedonia Baptist church on South Broadway. Thursday evening, March 8th, for the benefit of the church. A cordial invitation to all. Mar3-dtd. Central Park Market. Having purchased from Wm. Young & Bro. the most market known as Central Park Market, we wish to announce to the public that we intend continuing the business at the same place as a branch market, and will guarantee that our patrons will find the market supplied at our line. Wm. Young in charge. 8-46 IMBODEN BROS. Carpets, Curtains, Rugs and Wall Decorations—elegant patterns—just in, at Abel's Carpet Store. If you miss the opportunity of buying these goods at the price they are going, you will regret it forever. Ever More.

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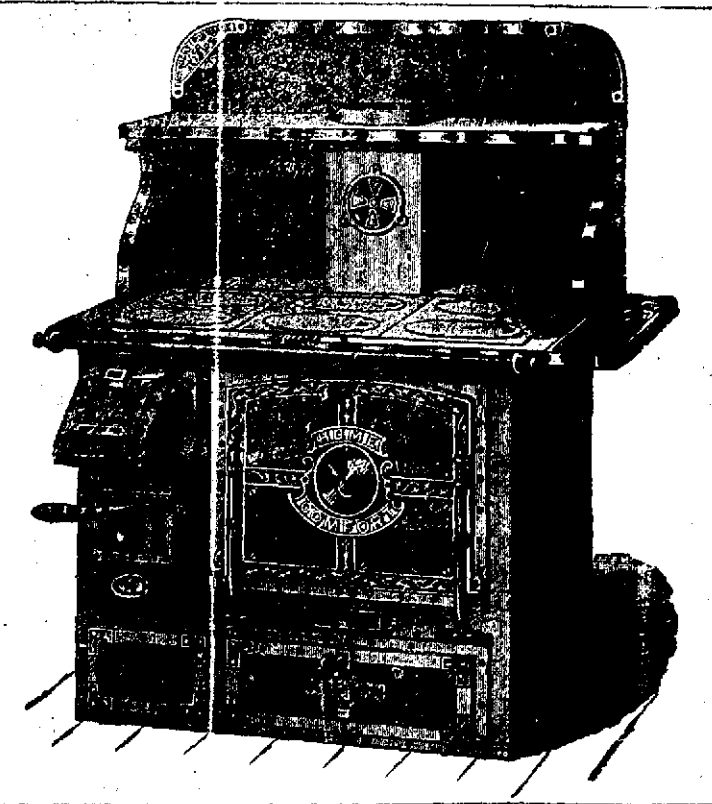
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